(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be enforced?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in their judgement dated 6.5.1996 in SLP(C) No. 796/92-Paschim Banga Khet Mazdoor Samity & Others *Vs.* State of West Bengal & Others suggested remedial measures to ensure immediate medical attention and treatment to persons in real needs. Hon'ble Court had given directions that other States though not parties should also take necessary steps in the light of recommendations made by the Inquiry Committee which was set up by the State Government of West Bengal. The copies of the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court were circulated on 12.12.1996 to all States/Union Territories with the suggestion to take appropriate action for carrying out orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Suitable guidelines were also issued on 13.12.1996 to all Hospitals/ Institutes under Central Government *viz.* All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, PGIMER, Chandigarh, JIPMER, Pondicherry, Safdarjung Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. As per the guidelines, all patients whose condition is morbid serious should be admitted even if beds are not available and have to be paid all necessary attention. In no case the patient will be left unattended for want of beds in the emergency/casualty Department. Accordingly, the Central Government Hospitals are following the guidelines.

Development and Upgradation of Government Hospitals

49. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive plan to develop and upgrade all the Government hospitals in the country, particularly in the rural and backward areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, hospitals-wise; and

(c) the details of financial assistance given for the various health projects under implementation in the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.